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1. There have been no substantial developments within the cement industry since late December 1954. The periodic stagnation in the cement industry in 1954 was due to the fact that a number of cement factories changed over to the production of other chemicals, such as semi-finished products, for the production of aluminum and generally chemical production which utilizes a distilling process.
2. The top man in the management of the cement industry, Grzymik, is Poland's most capable chemist. He is a professor in Krakow. His right-hand man, Sulikowski, has also recently become a professor and is likewise a man of great capability.
3. On the whole, the scientific leadership in the cement industry is capable. The technicians were trained after the war and are apparently not up to the prewar standard. This may be attributed more to lack of experience than to poor training.
4. The management of the cement factory in Rejowiec¹ remains unchanged. The kilns, each of which has a capacity of about 375 tons per day, are working satisfactorily. On the other hand, three cranes of Polish construction work so badly at the factory that its new branch with three kilns has kept all three kilns going only one day since that branch was opened about six months ago. As a rule, only one of these kilns is in operation at a time, and the daily production is held to about 375 tons.
5. A cement factory is to be built in Chelm¹ under the new Five-Year Plan, and it is estimated that it will produce 400,000 tons of cement a year. It is to be built like the factory in Rejowiec; it will, however, have one more kiln than the Rejowiec factory. On the basis of the experience in Rejowiec, the cranes for this new factory will be imported from abroad.
6. A projected factory in Zeran¹ will be a pulverizing and packaging plant with four mills, each having a capacity of 25 tons per hour. It will utilize raw materials, including iron slag, from all parts of Poland. Similar factories are planned for Czestochowa and Nowa Huta near Krakow. Both of these will work in connection with the iron and steel mills there.

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